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Frances M. Zizila  
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Via Courier

Re: L.E. Carpenter Superfund Site, Wharton, Morris County, New Jersey

Dear Ms. Zizila:

As you requested, this will respond promptly to your letter dated October 30, 2008.

Based on your letters, and the copy of the April 18, 2008 letter to the NJDEP, L.E. Carpenter certainly intends to work with the U.S. EPA as the lead agency, replacing the NJDEP in that role. We assume that we should continue to copy the NJDEP, although they will no longer serve as lead agency.

L.E. Carpenter's consultant, RMT, Inc. is preparing a full response to issues raised in the NJDEP's Notice of Deficiency concerning the MW-19 area, which RMT now will submit to the U.S. EPA's case manager (with a copy to you and to the NJDEP) within the next 10 days, for comment, negotiation and approval, as may be deemed appropriate by the U.S. EPA. As it has for the past 20+ years with the NJDEP as lead agency, L.E. Carpenter, through its consultants, will continue to cooperate and negotiate with the U.S. EPA for this MW-19 area work and any other investigative or remedial work that might be required in order to close the Site.

We trust that this approach will address the concerns raised in your October 30, 2008 letter.

Yours truly,

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Senior Counsel

cc: Nick Clevett, Senior Project Manager, RMT, Inc.

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